



Farm Day September 29th

Farm Day at the Sandhill Farmers Market has become an annual event. Our vendors and patrons as well look forward to that day when we recognize our agricultural heritage. Recently I noticed a bumper sticker that brings it all into focus; No Farmers, No Food.

Let's see if we can't make Farm Day the largest market of the year. The day will feature equipment displays, a few farm animals and hayrides for the kids. Our vendors will do their part by publicizing this special day on their social media sites, we will play it up on our sites and with iHeart media, and you the customer can tell your friends, or better yet, bring them with you.

The last few years have been a lot of fun. You might like to wear your favorite farm themed outfit or drive your tractor to the event. *We will have reserved parking for tractors.*



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Farm Day, Farm Day, Farm Day, Farm Day

Come visit with us this Tuesday and view some of the modern and not so modern farm equipment, meet a few farm animals and maybe take a fun hayride. Hayrides are free however we are willing to accept donations that will go toward market expenses. Hayrides on our new wagon begin around 3:45pm and will conclude by 6pm.

As we close out September we know that fall crops cannot be far behind. Peaches will be making their last hurrah with the hardy Autumn Prince variety.



Market Flash

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School Days at the Sandhill REC

Back for its fifth year is the popular field study, School Days at the Sandhill REC. Over the last four years we have hosted students from as far away as Hilton Head and Greenville. Last year we even had elementary classes from Denmark. (SC)

The program operates October 12–November 6. Mondays are set aside for preschoolers and Wednesday through Friday we welcome Kindergarten through Second Grade.

Although many dates are already taken there are still dates available. If your child's school is looking for a farm themes field study, please direct them to our website. Ask them to visit www.SandhillFestival.org. Thank you.



Support Your Local Famers - Potluck Sunday

[The Midlands Food Alliance](#) is hosting a Potluck at Doko Farm at 2101 Cedar Creek Road in Blythewood on Sunday, September 27th from 3-5pm. Join other farmers and eaters who support local food for a time of meal sharing and fellowship. The purpose of the potlucks are to build relationships with others in your community who also support local food production. Please bring your plate and utensils (there will be a space to wash them at meal's end), a dish to share with serving utensil, and name-card of the dish and its ingredients.

Please RSVP to [803-360-3358](tel:803-360-3358) or midlandsfoodalliance@gmail.com.

September 22nd Market Photos



The Sandhill Farmers Market... where fun, food, and community come together.

Gardening Tips

Soil Test

Now is the time to test the soil in your planned beds for plant nutrients. Soil tests usually take 10 days, so test now to have the results when you plant bulbs and beds. It is important to till in the lime needed (if any) for faster soil pH adjustment. You may also sample your vegetable garden now if you do not plan to add more fertilizer for late crops.

How to Collect a Sample

1. Areas cropped or fertilized differently or those with different soil types or textures should be sampled separately. For large areas, one soil sample should represent 10 acres or less. For home gardens, lawns, or ornamental beds, only one sample is required per uniform area.
2. Use a soil auger, spade, or shovel. Samples from cultivated areas should be taken from the surface to a depth of 6 to 8 inches. Samples from pasture or turf should be taken only 2 to 4 inches deep.
3. Soil cores should be approximately the same size throughout their depth. No adjustments are needed if using a soil probe. To do this when using a spade or shovel, take a thin slice from the side of a V-shaped hole. Take sub-samples from at least 12 locations within the sample area.
4. Place the sub-samples in a clean plastic bucket and mix thoroughly.
5. Do not heat a moist soil sample to dry. Spread it out on newspaper and let air dry overnight. Crumble and mix before it hardens.

Label or number the soil bag. Fill bag to fill line. Do not use the same number for more than one sample.

The Clemson University Richland County Extension Office on site can process your samples and email you the results.



Tailgating Time

Grilled Buttermilk Chicken

From our friends at Sunset.com comes another twist on that tailgating fare. If you think Grilled Buttermilk Chicken sounds interesting, how about potato salad with artichokes and green beans or perhaps coconut cupcakes?

This is certainly at least a single reverse from the usual chicken and biscuits.

[Click here to view the article and recipes.](#)

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See how many of these ingredients you can find at the Sandhill Farmers Market!

Our Market Supporters: [AgSouth Farm Credit](#), [Columbia NE Kiwanis](#), [Spring Valley Rotary Club](#),

Listing of 2015 Farmers Market Vendors

The Sandhill Farmers Market is fortunate to have the participation of so many quality vendors. Their selections run the gamut from fresh produce, fruits, seafood, wood crafts, fabric crafts, baked good, plants, shrubbery, natural personal care products, prepared foods and more. Some vendors are with us for the entire 30 week season, some for half of the season and others on a week to week basis. Following you will find a listing of the hard working entrepreneurs waiting to greet you. All of those in ***bold italics*** have links built in. Please note that not all vendors are able to participate in every market.

Name
<i><u>Asya's Organic Farms</u></i>
Isom's Delights
<i><u>The Peanut Man</u></i>
<i><u>The Crescent Olive</u></i>
<i><u>Mercer House Estate Winery</u></i>
Junior Chefs
AAA Greenthumb
Martin Farms Produce
<i><u>Erbe</u></i>
Paparazzi Jewelry
<i><u>The Belgian Waffle Truck</u></i>
Bee My Honey
<i><u>Chill Out Pops</u></i>
Lexington Shades of Green
Penny's Quilts and Gifts
<i><u>Lane Specialty Gardens</u></i>
<i><u>Sunny Cedars Farm</u></i>
CSD Enterprises
The Veggie Patch
It's My Sister's Fault
<i><u>January Remington</u></i>

Name
<i><u>Southern Sky Yoga</u></i>
<i><u>Leesville Aquaponics</u></i>
<i><u>Trail Ridge Farm and Dairy</u></i>
Ms. Zessie's Specialties
<i><u>Jamerry Nails</u></i>
<i><u>Palmetto Polar Snow</u></i>
<i><u>Doswell Farm</u></i>
<i><u>Chi Design</u></i>
<i><u>Livingston Farms</u></i>
Ashley's
<i><u>Old McCaskill's Farm</u></i>
The Bird Man
<i><u>Nanna's Naturals</u></i>
Conyer's Farms of Kingstree
<i><u>Company of OHS</u></i>
<i><u>The Shrimp Guy</u></i>
<i><u>Boutique Poulet</u></i>
Bradham Farms
Judith's Hands
<i><u>The Creative Cat</u></i>
Cakes and More by Angela



<i><u>Congaree Milling</u></i>	<i><u>McCurley Farms</u></i>
Shortcake, LLC	<i><u>Penny's Naturals</u></i>

Each week we talk with perspective vendors interested in participating at the Sandhill Farmers Market. If you would like to become a vendor please visit our [market page](#) and view the vendor information along with the vendor application found in the right hand navigation pane.

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